Inspection regarding use of official language

†1828. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision exists in the annual programme worked out by the Department of Official Language for the inspection of the offices situated abroad under various Ministries;

(b) if so, the number of offices abroad which come directly or indirectly under each Ministry wherein such inspections have been conducted during the last five years; and

(c) whether the Department of Official Language propose to conduct this kind of inspection at least once in a year so that such offices do not feel neglected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Provision exists in the Annual Programme prepared by Deptt. of Official Language for the joint inspections by the officers of the concerned department and those of Deptt. of Official Language of foreign based offices/undertakings owned or controlled by the Central Govt. at least once in a year.

(b) Information is not readily available. Various Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India have been asked to furnish requisite information.

(c) Such a provision already exists in the Annual Programme issued by the Deptt. of Official Language.

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